മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.—ജനങ്ങളോടു ഉത്തരവാദിത്വ മൊ ധമുള്ള ഒരു ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ ഉത്തരമല്ല ഇതു് (*hear, hear*). ജന ങ്ങളുടെ പണം ചിലവാക്കുമ്പോൾ എന്തുകൊണ്ടു് ജനങ്ങളുടെ ഇ ഷ്ടംകൂടി അറിഞ്ഞു പ്രവൃത്തിച്ചുകൂടാ? ജനങ്ങളോടു ഉത്തരവാദി ത്വമുണ്ടെന്നു് ലേശമെങ്കിലും വിചാരമുണ്ടായിരുന്നുവെങ്കിൽ ഈ ഉത്തരം പറയുവാൻ തോന്നുമോ? ജനങ്ങളുടെ ഇഷ്ടത്തെ നിഷേ ധിക്കുക എന്നല്ലെങ്കിൽ ഇതിന്റെ ഒക്കെ അർത്ഥമെന്താണു്? ഇതി നുമാത്രം ഉത്തരംപറയണം. പ്രസംഗം എനിക്കു് ആവശ്യമില്ല.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—On a point of order, Sir, these desultory questions at the time of discussion cannot be allowed. This questioning and answering and then questioning and then answering is not to be allowed.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I move that the question may now be put to the vote.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Question put;—"*That the question be now put to the vote.*"

Question put and agreed to.

The motion to reduce the allotment of Rs. 7,000 for "Stoneware Factory" by Rs. 3,000 was put and agreed to.

Motion No. 4.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 7,000 for "Stoneware Factory" by Re. 1.*

President.—Motion No. 4, Mr. C. J. Mathew.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I withdraw the motion.

(*The motion was considered withdrawn.*)

Motion No. 5.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 7,000 for "Stoneware Factory" by Rs. 3,000.*

President.—Motion No. 5, Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar. The Member is absent.

(*Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.*)

President.—The question before the House is a sum of Rs. 1,28,000 minus 8,226 under Demand No. XXIX 'Scientific, etc., Departments' be granted.

Question put and agreed to.

Demand No. XXXII—Miscellaneous—Rs. 2,12,472.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 2,12,472 under "32—Miscellaneous". The provisions made under most of the heads follow the usual course. The enhanced allotment for next year is due to the provision of a lump sum of Rs. 2,00,000 and this provision, as you all know, has been made to give effect to such of the recommendations of the Special Finance Committee as may be accepted by the Government

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after ascertaining the views of the Council. I request the House to vote for the demand asked for.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—On a point of information. May I know how other charges became non-votable?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—That comes under Political Expenditure.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Has the Government classified it under Political Expenditure?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—You have to make a notification to classify that.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It comes under one sub-head 'Political Expenditure.'

Motion No. 1.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 2,00,000 for "Lump Provision for re-organisation of Departments after consideration of the report of the Special Finance Committee."*

President.—Motion No. 1. Dr. A. G. Menon.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—There was much talk about the Special Finance Committee's report to be considered in a Special Session of the House. So I do not wish to make a long speech. I rise to move for the omission of Rs. 2 lakhs. In proposing the motion, I wish to place before this House that this item is quite unnecessary and unwarranted at this stage. In the Travancore Council the Finance Member while introducing the budget spoke about the Special Educational grant where some amount of increment proposed to be given to the staff. But since the scheme was not placed before the Council, he said that he was not going to include that amount in the budget. But here, even before the Special Finance Committee's report came before the Council, a sum of Rs. 2,00,000 is budgetted for the re-organisation of the Departments as suggested by the Special Finance Committee. But the report has not come before the Council yet. The Members have to study the recommendations, they must fully discuss them, which could be done only in a Special Session of the Council, and the Council has to pass the report with the necessary amendments, if any. Then only the question of the amount for the re-organisation has to be taken up for consideration.

I would ask the House why this hurry to thrust in such a big amount as 2,00,000. Is it a device to have this House pass the recommendations of the Committee without discussion? Anyhow it is not fair to grant such a big amount, before we have occasion to know how the re-organisation is to be effected.

With these few words I request the House to vote with me.

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Motion No. 2.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar. — *To omit the allotment of Rs. 2,00,000 for "Lump Provision for re-organisation of Departments after consideration of the report of the Special Finance Committee".*

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—I rise to support this motion, Sir. On this very same subject you will find another motion tabled by me. So I think it would be proper on my part to say something now. On the very first day, when demands were being voted upon, when my friend, the Hon'ble Member for Urakam, moved a token motion on Land Revenue, it was distinctly assured by the Government side that the Special Finance Committee's report would be discussed at an early session of this Council. I hope, in fact the very object of tabling this motion is to expedite that matter, Sir. We should not be misunderstood to stand in the way of giving relief to the hungry mouths, in fact we would accelerate that. All we care is, we don't want to give you the money before the discussion. Otherwise it would be putting the cart before the horse. Now the Government says that the Government is willing to take our view and to give us an opportunity. I do not know what the nature of the opportunity is. The procedure has to be laid down later. What we want to impress upon the Government is, let us also understand how you are going to consider the Special Finance Committee's report, what all recommendations you are going to accept, what amount would be actually necessary for you if you accept that scheme. Here, when you are asking for these two lakhs, we are groping in the dark. You may practically go out of the recommendations and alter the same and probably some of these items may become absolutely non-votable. There is the question also that, supposing we want to say something with reference to the matter of salaried officers, if the orders are passed, the matter becomes non-votable. Now you have got money and the recommendations come afterwards. We want to prevent it. It is only for that purpose.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—After the receipt of the Special Finance Committee's report, a temporary allowance has been sanctioned to all subordinates getting rupees ten and below and Rs. 20 and below. The revised estimate will show that one lakh was provided in the budget estimate for 1103 for giving effect to the recommendations of the Special Finance Committee. As it was not possible to pass final orders on it, this temporary allowance was granted. This two lakhs of rupees include that expenditure also for the coming year. I may say, even after the Special Session of this Council, if recommendations are made and accepted, some time will have to lapse before those recommendations may be given effect to. Until then, these subordi-

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nate hands will have to wait and this temporary allowance that has now been sanctioned will also have to wait. They will not get it from 1st Chingam 1104.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We shall give them with retrospective effect.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—What they have been now getting, will have to be stopped.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May we know the amount?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—About Rs. 60,000. I am not perfectly sure because all the bills have not come to the Comptroller's office. On a rough calculation, I find it is Rs. 60,000. As the Hon'ble Member for Vellarappalli says, it is putting the cart before the horse. I must say it is cutting the nose to spite the face.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Now with reference to the point that is raised. We have now the temporary allowance given to subordinates If you are giving this amount, we would like to know definitely what is the amount you are giving now. If it is Rs. 60,000 I don't think that my party will have absolutely any objection in voting for that amount. If you give us the exact figure, be it Rs. 60,000, or Rs. 70,000 or be it a lakh, you may take it that our Party will be completely in favour of giving it. Let us not be understood to cut the nose in spite of the face. We are most willing to give you that amount.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It causes the greatest inconvenience.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—There is no inconvenience.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—That has to be considered.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will it take more than a year to come to an understanding and distribute the sum?

President.—No.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—What harm is there?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—What I submit is they will have to wait till this.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We will meet in Chingam or Kanni. We give you Rs. 20,000 till the Finance Committee's report has been decided. Only for two months, provision has to be made. We will reduce the amount of 2 lakhs by a lakh and 80 thousand. Rs. 20,000 would be quite sufficient for two months. Afterwards the whole matter will be considered by this Council.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I can assure the House that not a pie of this amount wil be used otherwise.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—How much do you want a month?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The amount provided will not be utilised for any other purpose.

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Dr. A. G. Menon.—That is the burden of the cry of the official block. The whole thing can be effected of course in three months and we shall give sufficient increment with retrospective effect. We don't stand in the way.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—If I understand the Member aright, he said Rs. 60,000. That works out to Rs. 5,000 per month. Let us make a provision for three months from this date. I think Rs. 20,000 will suffice.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Rs. 60,000. That is only by rough calculation.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—You can take Rs. 25,000.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—If the Government is not prepared to tell us what the figure will be, the Account Department is here. the Secretariat is here, we will press the whole cut. Let it not be understood that we are standing in the way of giving them the allowance that we granted out of that one lakh.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—If they are not prepared, I press for the motion.

There is no use of this dissertation.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I don't want the Party to press the motion to a division. If the non-official Members cannot agree, whatever amount that they require necessary for these three or four months may be voted.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We are not masters to distribute money. It must come from the official block. There is the Finance Member. It must come from them. They are better men.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Leave the widest margin.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Why not have Rs. 60,000 ?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—For the whole year they want only Rs. 60,000.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Anyhow the expenditure is likely to exceed Rs. 60,000 for the whole year according to the rates that we now give. What objection is there ?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We shall give Rs. 30,000, just to force the Government to bring this matter and to place the Special Finance Committee's report as early as possible, and take action upon our deliberations. So we give Rs. 30,000.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I don't mind.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—May I move the reduction by one lakh and Rs. 70,000?

Mr. A. L. Antony.—Are you going to take the individual opinion of the Members of the House in the discussion of the Special Finance Committee's report?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—That has not been settled.

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Dr. A. G. Menon.—They accept the cut of a lakh and Rs' 70,000. So we don't want a division.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—We wish to get the explanation asked for. Whether the Government intends to take the opinion of the whole House with regard to the deliberations of the Special Finance Committee report?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It is impossible to take the individual opinion of all the Members.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We must have a Special Session of the Council. That is the understanding and that was what the Government told us.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Even in that Special Session when we make certain proposals, are those proposals to be carried by votes or are we allowed only chance discussion?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I don't wish to enter into details.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We know it more or less.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—We have finished that cut.

Motions Nos. 3—8.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 2,00,000 for "Lump Provision for re-organisation of Departments after consideration of the report of the Special Finance Committee."*

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 2,00,000 for "Lump Provision for re-organisation of Departments after consideration of the report of the Special Finance Committee."*

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 2,00,000 for "Lump Provision for re-organisation of Department after the consideration of the report of the Special Finance Committee."*

Mr. K. J. Antony.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,00,000 for "Lump Provision for re-organisation of Departments" by Rs. 1,00,000.*

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,00,000 for "Lump Provision for re-organisation of Departments" by Rs. 1,00,000.*

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,00,000 for "Lump Provision for re-organisation of Departments" by Re. 1.*

(These motions were not pressed and hence were considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 9.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 2,57,300 under "Demand No. XXXII" by Re. 1.*

President.—Motion No. 9, Mr. A. B. Salem.

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Mr. A. B. Salem.—I rise to move a token motion of Rc. 1 just to offer a few remarks upon the way in which the budget is prepared. Sir, in the budget large amounts are shown as Advances Recoverable, etc., deposits and savings which are all really dead. Money invested for the reclamation of Venduruthy lands, money invested in the Railway are all shown as surpluses of the State. This is a very bad system of Account keeping. We will never see the day when these moneys will come back as money into the coffers of our State. And I press this point upon the attention of the Finance Member, so that, in future years, we should be told without all these things what our surplus of the State is. Now the money invested in bad concern, or in questionable one, or as dead investments should not be classed as surplus. It is for the purpose of bringing these remarks that I have tabled this motion. But when we discussed this motion there were some other matters also—serious matters. There have been persons in the Huzur, I understand, whether wrong or right, the Secretary to the Diwan may question us, who have earned their pay and whose pay, for some reason or other, not known so far, have been withheld. If such affairs take place in the State, I must raise my protest, and this token motion is for that. On this matter the Hon'ble Member for Trichur will speak.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The House will remember, four days ago, I addressed an enquiry to the Secretary to the Diwan whether the salary of any officer in any Department was withheld, and the answer was given to me that, to the best of his knowledge, such an incident has not taken place. I myself was not quite certain; so I could not pursue the line of enquiry at that time, as I got the information from one of the gentlemen here. Therefore, I made enquiries, because that was the first time, when I made a speech in the Council in matters like this. I made necessary enquiries, and I have been satisfied that two officers, two clerks in the Huzur—Messrs. John and Pankajaksha Menon—who have been working for more than one month in the Huzur, were not paid. That is not the only thing. These vacancies were the result of two appointments, one Mr. Sesha Ayyar being deputed to do special duty and the other one Ramaswamy Ayyar or Ramakrishna Ayyar, the gentleman who was in charge of the P. W. D. in the Huzur, being superannuated. When two vacancies occur, naturally all the clerical staff take a step higher in the official ladder, and two vacancies crept in. In these vacancies Mr. John and Mr. Pankajaksha Menon were appointed, and their pay was not disbursed. The people who got a step higher in the official ladder also were not paid the full amount that was due to them. Putting it in a clear way, a clerk, who was drawing Rs. 50 and

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who ought to get Rs. 60, and a clerk on Rs. 40 who ought to get Rs. 50, instead of Rs. 60 and Rs. 50, got only Rs. 50 and Rs. 40. I, no doubt, thought that the Secretary to the Diwan will be able to give a satisfactory explanation, but at the same time I thought this House ought to know that such a thing did take place, and that my question was based on sufficient grounds. Otherwise it is silly to come here and ask the Government 'Have you not paid your officials'. 'Not to my knowledge' is the answer. I make myself ridiculous and make myself a fool, if I come here without adequate reasons to press a question of this nature. I would request the Government to give a satisfactory explanation why such a thing took place and also the reason, if my statement is true, that prompted the Department in withholding the pay of these poor-paid officials, who entirely depend upon this small salary. I also would like to know whether the pay was drawn, if it was drawn, in whose possession (whether it was in the possession of the shroff) or whether the Department neglected to draw it. These are the points. Are the statements true? If the statements are true, the facts enunciated, namely, the officials are not paid, will be true. If this is true, money was drawn from the Treasury. If it was drawn, where was the money kept? These are the questions for which I expect an answer, and I have reason to believe that the Secretary will be able to give a very satisfactory answer to this question.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Sir, when I answered the Trichur Member the other day, I had no knowledge that the pay of two clerks was not drawn and disbursed. I am not the Drawing Officer, the Drawing Officer is the Superintendent of Stamps and the fact that they did not get their pay was not brought to my notice. There were some permanent arrangements to be made, and in regard to acting arrangements, there was some delay in passing orders on account of circumstances beyond my control. The pay, so far as I know, has not been drawn; it is in the Treasury and it is neither with the Shroff nor with the Stamp Superintendent.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The charges are not against Mr. Vengu Ayyar, but on behalf of the Secretary. When you say I, can we take it as Government? You must answer on behalf of the Government.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Take it on behalf of the Government.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Afterwards it should not be construed as the words of Mr. Vengu Ayyar.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, one portion of the allegation of my friend, the Member for Trichur was answered in

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a way by the Secretary but for the other portion I did not hear any answer. Has the pay of the officers been drawn?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No, I said, because orders have not been passed.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—So, the increased pay of the officers promoted has not been drawn.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Arrangements have not been sanctioned. It is not possible to draw pay without the arrangements being sanctioned.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—How does it happen that two people were not paid for one month? They worked for a month. They were not paid.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I said that the fact was not brought to my notice. If they had reminded me then and there, instead of going to the Members of the Council,.....

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It is a very grave allegation. I want to put it properly. The Secretary to the Diwan says that the officials instead of going to the Members, &c. I tell you that I did not get the information from them. Is the Government going to prosecute them? What then do you mean?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I withdraw. Don't be offended, please.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Is there any list of the officers who work in the Huzur and who have got to be paid every month? Do you mean to say that the names of these officers were not entered?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—But they were entertained only recently.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—When they started work, was there no order? There must be an order to that effect to the Drawing Officer. Though it may be right according to the Secretary, it may be given a different countenance by the world at large. When a clerk or two retires, it is a matter in which every subordinate expects promotion.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Certainly.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It is a great pity that such a well organised Department as the Huzur could not pay two people, who had been working there, and that the matter should be brought into this Council. That is all I want to say in this matter. I certainly press for the motion.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—But is the pay given on the 1st?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—On the 1st of the succeeding month. Orders were not passed appointing them and orders were not given to the Drawing Officer.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—So that it was irregular,

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Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—What he said was about some other arrangements. Not about the two men, who were entertained.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—In winding up this debate, and before I ask you to put the question, Sir, two facts come in great relief. These two hands worked in the office. Before they are entertained, sanction should certainly have been accorded to entertain them, and when sanction to entertain them is given, the pay is fixed and the pay should have been drawn. There is no excuse of any kind to my mind, that is satisfactory, for having appointed acting men and for not drawing their salary along with other people's salary from the Treasury. I believe, with a little experience that I have of official routine, that all clerks' salary is drawn on one bill. And, therefore, to have excluded them, whoever is responsible has done a grievous wrong to them and for that absolutely no explanation is forthcoming in this House. Therefore, this cut is to show our disapproval of making fish of of one and flesh of another, that is why I want to have this cut of one rupee. Again, Sir, there is one thing I have to bring to your notice. The salary is prepared by the Chief Superintendent, I suppose, the bill is sent to the Treasury, the Drawing Officer is the Stamp Superintendent, money comes, acquittance roll comes, everybody signs acquittance, and when all the others take their money home, to find that the salaries of two clerks have not been drawn spells something very hard. I don't want to say very hard words in the Council, and I think it is a very unsatisfactory thing. I press this motion that these things may not occur again. The point upon which we have to divide this House is to show the disapproval of the House for not disbursing the salaries of officers in the Huzur Department for no proper reason. I pray that the question may now be put.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

The closure motion was put and agreed to.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Sir, I can only say that I shall look into the matter and then set matters right. There were peculiar circumstances in this case and the orders were delayed.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—We withdraw the motion, in the light of the regret expressed by the Secretary. We hope this won't recur.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It should not have occurred at all had it not been for certain special circumstances, not those referred to by the Member for Trippunittura.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I never referred to any circumstance, I think there was a possibility.

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Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No occasion has been given till now and will be given in future for such an expression. (*Hear, hear.*)

Dr. A. G. Menon.—At the same time it must be understood that those two poor clerks did not bring these things to our notice and they should not be prosecuted.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Certainly not. It will be too demeaning on my part to do anything.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Thank you.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—One word with your leave. I did not say, because the thing was spoken to me by more than one man. I did not for a moment believe a word of that. Never open yourselves to such attacks.

(*The motion was, with leave, withdrawn.*)

The question of granting Rs. 2,12,472 minus Rs. 1,70,000 under "Demand No. XXXII Miscellaneous" was put and agreed to.

Demand No. XXI—Medical—Rs.2,47,176.

President.—We will now take up Demand No. XXI, Medical.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 2,47,176 under '21-Medical'. I have already said in this House that it is with a certain amount of trepidation that I approach this House for a grant of the Medical Department. But this feeling is considerably subdued by the tone of sympathy for the urgent and essential needs of the Department evinced in the general discussion of the budget, by most of the Members, who spoke on the subject. With these prefatory remarks I proceed to explain the variations in the figures as compared with those of previous years. The first variation is noticed under the head of 'Temporary Establishment'. The budget estimate of 1103 is Rs. 3,420 while that of 1104 is Rs. 7,076. The reason for this enhanced allotment has already been explained by the Finance Member in his Memorandum. Under 'Temporary Establishment' provision has been made for the entertainment of 8 additional nurses, 6 ward attendants and 6 thotties mainly due to the fact that the paying wards and the isolation wards in the General Hospital, which are now in the course of construction, are expected to be ready for use next year. The appointment will be made only when the buildings are ready for occupation. Passing on, you find nearly every item is identically the same until you come to 'Cost of Medicines and Instruments', where this year's allotment is one lakh of rupees as compared with Rs. 95,000 in previous year. That also has been explained by the Finance Member. The provision of one lakh includes the sum of Rs. 25,000 for payment of

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